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posed of 34 senators and 78 representatives. The Senate—Republicans, 15; fusion, 17; Independent, 1; doubtful, 1. House—Republicans, 68; fusion, 9; doubtful, 3. The doubtful senator is from Whitcomb. The doubtful representatives are from Adams, Washburn and Washliakun counties. In the senate the fusionists had 15 holders, 10 Democrats and ten Populists. They elect two, one Democrat and one Populist. The Republicans have no holder. They elect 14. The Independent senator is Gray, Stillwater, holder of one county. He was elected on a Citizens' ticket. If he votes with the Republicans, as he has done, he will not be elected. If he elects the doubtful senator, the senate will be a tie. In the house fusion representatives elected five are Populists and four Democrats. Conceding the doubtful representatives to the fusionists, the legislators in joint ballot are—Republican, 83; fusion, 20; Independent, 7.

PHENYLVANIA.

**Soldier Vote Elects Democratic Congressman.**

Philadelphia, Nov. 10.—The official canvass of the vote of the Twenty-sixth congressional district, composed of Crawford and Erie counties, elects Gaston, Democrat, over Higgins, Republican by 21 votes. This includes the soldier vote, which gave Higgins a plurality. This gives the Democrats ten congressmen from Pennsylvania.

**LONDON PRESS COMMENT.**

Gratification Expressed at Victory of Sound Money.

London, Nov. 10.—All the morning papers comment upon the elections in the United States. The Times says: "The answer of the American people on the question of currency expansion is halting and ambiguous. It is difficult to say that the elections have confirmed President McKinley's policy; but certainly he has not been condemned, and, there-

fore, he has no inducement to abandon the attitude he has assumed regarding the Philippines."

Mr. Tunna, with other papers, comments upon Mr. Roosevelt's chances of succeeding to the presidency, and expresses its gratification at the victory of sound money, "though apparently there is little chance of currency reform."

The New York correspondent of the Daily News says: "The elections were disastrous for the Republicans in the house of representatives, and there is no doubt that the popular vote is anti-imperialist." Commenting editorially on the results, the paper says:

says: "I may, therefore, be the senator and president against a popularly elected house. It will be interesting to study the effect of the vote on the peace negotiations. President McKinley may consent to take a new cue from public opinion."

The Standard, agreeing with the Times, said it is impossible to extract the sentiment of the American people on the question of expansion but having regard to the functions of the senate, all Spain's hopes are dashed. She has nothing to hope for from diplomatic delay."

The Daily Chronicle and Morning Post tender their congratulations upon "the triumph of Mr. Roosevelt and pure administration."

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**GENERAL MERRITT ELATED.**

**A Democrat, But Rejoices Over the Democratic Defeat.**

London, Nov. 19.—Major General Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., who is now in this city, in an interview on the result of the elections in the United States is quoted as saying:

"I am very glad the president's pol-

ly seems to have been endorsed. Although I am somewhat of a Democrat I think it highly desirable that there should be a congress that will ratify and carry into effect the result of the war and peace treaty."

Referring to the Marquis of Salisbury's Guild Hall speech, General Merritt said: "Most Americans, I believe agree, and our English cousins insist that we should keep the Philippine islands."

"I don't know whether the government is cooling towards us, but all the officials I have met here, some of them being in very high places, seemed enthusiastic over the friendship between the two countries. One thing is certain about the Philippine islands; we must either take them all or drop them altogether."

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**BOARDED BY BANDITS.**

Great Northern Held Up Near Falls, Minn.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Nov. 19.—The Great Northern through train, which passed through the city at 7:30 p. m. today, was held up and robbed about five miles west of here tonight. There were eight robbers in the gang all well armed. Two of them evidently bounded the blind baggage in this city. The train was scarcely out of town when the two climbed over the tender and, presenting revolvers, told Engineer Brack and his fireman to stop at a lonely and

near the Pelican river bridge. Arriving at this place, the train was stopped and the engineer and fireman were ordered to leave the cab. The other men boarded the express car with the woodpile and boarded the express car. The train was regularly organized and went by numbers.

When the train stopped, the conductor and brakeman started forward to find out what the trouble was, but the bandits fired a number of shots and ordered them to go back. They then commenced the express car, and to leave the car, and, while three or four stood guard, the others proceeded to blow the safes. The local safe was destroyed, and it is thought that the

succeeded in securing considerable money, but the exact amount cannot be ascertained. The dynamite was drilled and dynamited, four charges being used. The jacket was blown off but it was impossible to reach the inner part and get at the cash. They worked over it nearly two hours, holding the train for that length of time, but finally the dynamite failed to explode on the outside, started south. The express car had been somewhat wrecked by the explosion, but the trainmen managed to get to Carlisle, where it was patched up and the train proceeded southward. Smith and his partner, back to the

city to give the alarm, but nothing has yet been heard of him. Several posse are out, but no trace of the robbers has yet been reported.

**Another Negro Lynched.**

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 30.—A special to the News and Courier from Greenwood, S. C., says: News has just been received that a colored man, another negro, was lynched here this afternoon at 5 o'clock. His name was Jeff Darling and he was implicated in the election riots and the killing of Ethridge.

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